Technology Investment Grant Fund -- No. 319486

Category Agency Planning Area

General Government Management and Budget

Countywide None

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Relocation Impact EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

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Cost Element	Total	Thru FY01	Estimate FY02	Total 6 Years	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision											
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities			,								
Construction											
Other	2,610	0	1,110	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	0
Total	2,610	0	1,110	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	*
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Revolving Fund - Current Revenue	2,610	0	1,110	1,500	250	250	250	250	250	250	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project establishes an inter-agency grant fund to support, in whole or in part, Technology Investment Fund (TIF) projects. The purpose of this fund is to encourage technologically innovative capital projects that will improve the productivity of County agencies. Projects approved for funding will use innovative technologies to achieve cost reductions, cost avoidance, and service improvements. The grant fund will support TIF projects considered inappropriate candidates for the loan fund. Projects must be primarily pilot, demonstration, or start-up in nature and provide a foundation for future work that is expected to produce significant revenue enhancement, cost savings, or cost avoidance. These may be projects that serve a general corporate interest broader than the interest of a single department; have an inter-agency component; have little prospect of payback from cost savings; or no practical way to identify and isolate savings. The County Executive appoints, and County Council approves, the Technology Investment Fund Loan/Grant Committee composed of representatives of each of the agencies and an independent representative not affiliated with any of the tax supported agencies or potential service providers. This committee considers applications to the grant fund from departments and agencies, according to policy guidelines and criteria established by the County Executive and the County Council. A share of grant fund money is reserved for access by small organizational units and for projects accompanied by department matching resources or outside funding. The TIF Loan Fund/Grant Committee reviews applications with appropriate technical advice from the Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications (DIST) and other relevant experts. Each agency has an equal vote in committee decisions. The TIF Loan/Grant Committee makes recommendations for awards to specific projects to the County Executive for final decision. Approved projects are assigned an individual PDF funded from current revenues that include the amount of the grant fund to be used for that particular project. Management of the grant fund is subject to regular evaluation and oversight by the County Executive and County Council.

JUSTIFICATION

The purposes of the grant fund are to encourage technological innovation by providing funds outside the normal budget process; to provide managers with extra incentives to consider potential cost-saving innovations; and to provide greater accountability for achievement of promised cost reductions and service improvements through ongoing monitoring and evaluation of project results. A single grant fund, including all the tax supported agencies, can encourage increased cooperation among the agencies, provide for healthy competition in gaining approval of innovative projects, assure greater technical consistency, and avoid duplication in experimental proposals.

STATUS

\$500,000 in appropriation was transferred from the General Fund Reserves Designated for TIF to this PDF on February 13, 2001, by Council Resolution 14-768. Completed or recently approved TIF Grant Fund projects total \$1,054,000, leaving \$446,000 for future projects.

This fund consolidates appropriation authority for TIF projects utilizing grant funds as a funding source. This fund supports individual projects with a total cost of less than \$250,000 each. Expenditures are estimated and not related to specific project applications at this time. Each project is described on its respective project description form. This project is implemented in accordance with Council Resolution No. 13-944, the Technology Investment Fund Policy Resolution, which supercedes Council Resolution No. 12-1713, the Technology Innovation Fund Policy Resolution.

* Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND							
EXPENDITURE DATA	1						
Date First Appropriation	FY94	(\$000)					
Initial Cost Estimate		1,000					
First Cost Estimate							
Current Scope	FY03	2,610					
Last FY's Cost Estimate		2,110					
Present Cost Estimate		2,610					
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Appropriation Request	FY03	0					
Appropriation Request Est.	FY04	0					
Supplemental							
Appropriation Request	FY02	0					
Transfer		0					
Cumulative Appropriation		446					
Expenditures/							
Encumbrances		0					
Unencumbered Balance		446					
Partial Closeout Thru	FY00	0					
New Partial Closeout	FY01	0					
Total Partial Closeout		0					
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COORDINATION

County Council Resolution No. 12-1712 County Council Resolution No. 12-1713 County Council Resolution No. 12-1766 County Council Resolution No. 13-994 TIF Loan/Grant Committee Office of Management and Budget Office of the County Executive Department of Finance Department of Information Systems and **Telecommunications**

